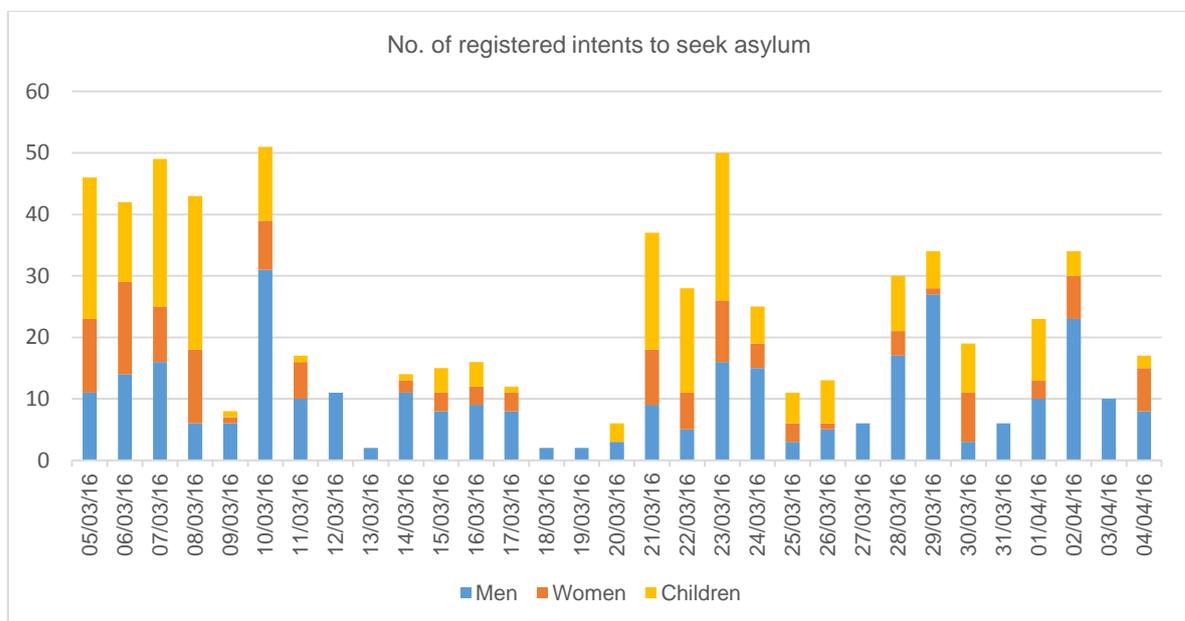


STATISTICS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- **17** persons expressed intent to seek asylum, bringing the total in April 2016 to **84** (statistics courtesy of the Ministry of Interior).
- UNHCR learned about **63** irregular arrivals: **28** from FYR Macedonia and **35** from Bulgaria.
- We appreciate your feed-back to our daily updates. As requested, in the following more information on refugee status determination undertaken under the Ministry of Interior: during March, the Asylum Office assessed 95 asylum applications of 250 persons. It granted refugee status to five persons (one from Afghanistan, one from Syria, three from Sudan) and subsidiary protection to three Ukrainians, while six applications were rejected. Of the rejected 15 persons, ten were from Libya, two from Somalia, two from FYR Macedonia, and one from Ghana. 45 applications (concerning 92 individuals) were closed because the applicants abandoned the procedures/country. 29 applications (concerning 122 individuals) were closed as they were merged with other procedures. In four cases (concerning eight individuals) the asylum office issued a permission to reside at the private address during the asylum procedure. It also issued two decisions on limitation of freedom of movement in a Reception Centre for Foreigners (immigration detention center), while in three cases a limitation of freedom of movement was lifted.


SOUTH

More than **570** refugees remained hosted in the Reception Centre (RC) in Presevo. REMAR, Red Cross, Caritas and Humedica, served hot meals inside the RC, Border Free Association served food outside. UNHCR/SPDE distributed 975 water bottles, 19 UNHCR blankets, 14 pairs of socks, 51 WFP HEBs and 135 pillows. Divac Foundation distributed other clothes and food. The UNICEF/DRC/CSW child friendly space hosted 60 children and 37 women. The Health Clinic assisted 38 refugees, the Natan/Humedica clinic served 16 patients.

The Child Welfare Service, supported by UNHCR experts and ADRA translators, concluded Best Interests Assessments (BIA) of four unaccompanied or separated children (UASC).

EAST

33 arrivals (25 Iraqi and 8 Afghans, of which 15 men, 7 women and 11 children), crossed on foot through the Vrska Cuka border crossing and walked to Zajecar, where they were received and accommodated in the police station.

In Dimitrovgrad, **two** Afghans including a 16 year old boy, were located at the police station at Gradina border crossing. Sigma Plus, Red Cross, IRC, and WAHA provided assistance to them. Rejecting the offer of the Court in Pirot to seek asylum in Serbia, the adult was sent to prison in Nis and will likely be sent back to Bulgaria, while the minor was sent to the Children Reception Centre in the Youth Upbringing Institution in Nis.

Media reported that the Police in Pirot discovered 32 irregular migrants in two cars with Belgrade registration plates. Two residents of Belgrade were arrested on suspicion of people smuggling. Police continued searching for a third suspect.

BELGRADE

UNHCR partners assisted some **200** refugees, asylum seekers or migrants in Belgrade. Most were from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Algeria or Morocco. In fair weather, approximately 120 spent the night in parks near the bus and train stations.

The Asylum Info Centre (AIC) assisted **28** refugees/migrants who had newly arrived from fYR Macedonia. Most were from Afghanistan, but a few new arrivals from Somalia and Pakistan were also assisted.

NORTH



UNHCR/HCIT teams visiting asylum-seekers at the border with Hungary, Horgoš (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 4 April 2016

UNHCR/HCIT border monitoring teams interviewed and assisted asylum-seekers waiting to enter Hungary near Horgos and Kelebija border crossings.

At Horgos **16** asylum-seekers, twelve from Iran and four from Syria, including two children and three women waited to be admitted into Hungary. All were new arrivals from fYR Macedonia.

At Kelebija only **eight** men (six from Afghanistan, one each from Iran and Pakistan), all new arrivals from fYR Macedonia, remained in Serbia, after some 34 asylum-seekers had been admitted into Hungary.

WEST

The number of refugees sheltered in the three Refugee Aid Points (RAP) in the West further decreased to **350**, with about 60 hosted in Sid, 120 in Adasevci and 170 in Principovac RAP. UNHCR and authorities continued individual protection assessments at all sites.

CRS/ Divac Foundation continued to provide hot meals at all three locations in the West. The UNICEF/WV/CSW child friendly space in Adasevci hosted 47 children and 20 women. BCM/Sid Health Centre treated nine refugees while WAHA treated one. Refugees cleaned Principovac RAP, using tools provided by the SCRM.

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